

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 and 2 (canceled)

3. (currently amended): ~~The positioning structure according to claim 2, A~~  
positioning structure comprising:
- a main member;
  - a boss upstanding from the main member, the boss having a positioning section; and
  - a plurality of members to be pierced each having a through hole through which the boss  
is inserted whereby the members to be pierced are stacked and fixed and the main member and  
the members to be pierced are relatively positioned to each other,
  - wherein the positioning section positions the members to be pierced to predetermined  
positions along an inserting direction of the boss, respectively,
  - wherein the positioning section is configured by a plurality of steps which are disposed  
by forming the boss into a shape that is stepwise tapered as advancing toward a tip end, and
  - wherein, widths of the steps of the boss in a direction perpendicular to the inserting  
direction are equal to minimum inner dimensions of the through holes of the members  
corresponding to placement positions, respectively.

4. (currently amended): ~~The positioning structure according to claim 2, A~~  
positioning structure comprising:  
a main member;  
a boss upstanding from the main member, the boss having a positioning section; and  
a plurality of members to be pierced each having a through hole through which the boss  
is inserted whereby the members to be pierced are stacked and fixed and the main member and  
the members to be pierced are relatively positioned to each other,  
wherein the positioning section positions the members to be pierced to predetermined  
positions along an inserting direction of the boss, respectively,  
wherein the positioning section is configured by a plurality of steps which are disposed  
by forming the boss into a shape that is stepwise tapered as advancing toward a tip end, and  
wherein vertical gap dimensions between the steps in the inserting direction correspond to  
thickness of the members to be pierced, respectively.

5. (currently amended): ~~The positioning structure according to claim 1, A~~  
positioning structure comprising:  
a main member;  
a boss upstanding from the main member, the boss having a positioning section; and  
a plurality of members to be pierced each having a through hole through which the boss  
is inserted whereby the members to be pierced are stacked and fixed and the main member and  
the members to be pierced are relatively positioned to each other,

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wherein the positioning section positions the members to be pierced to predetermined positions along an inserting direction of the boss, respectively, and

wherein the boss is formed into a shape that is continuously tapered as advancing toward a tip end, and, widths of the boss in a direction perpendicular to the inserting direction are equal to minimum inner dimensions of the through holes of the members corresponding to placement positions, respectively.

6. (canceled)